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Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

For the first regular session of 2000 of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 31 January to 4 February 2000

Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the first regular session of 2000 of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of the officers of the Executive Board for 2000

The first action following the opening of the session will be the election of the President and four Vice-Presidents representing the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), the President of the Board will be nominated from among the Asian group of States which are members of the Executive Board.

(b) Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Following the election, introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[For action]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2000 adopted by the Board at its second regular session in September 1999 (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1, decision 1999/19). The proposed timetable and organization of work, which was shared with the Bureau (CF/EB/1999/056 of 22 October 1999), is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part I): Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/4 (Part I)]

This report responds to Executive Board decision 1995/5 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), which sets out the format and content of that part of the annual report of the Executive Director to the Board which also serves as the annual report to the Council. It also responds to decision 1998/1 (E/ICEF/1998/6/Rev.1), which requests that future reports include issues that would require particular consideration of the Executive Board and the Council, and decision 1999/6, which asks that the report be more analytical, focus selectively on key issues, be problem-oriented and discuss lessons learned. The Board may wish to take note of this report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the substantive session of 2000 of the Council.

4. Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNDP/UNFPA and WFP

The joint meeting will focus on the experiences of one United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) country. Delegations will be able to discuss the progress of UNDAF with the country team.

5. Multi-year funding framework

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/5]

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision on the resource mobilization strategy (decision 1999/8), the Executive Director will present a plan on the timing of the

presentation to the Board of the various elements of the MYFF, with a view to enhancing their interlinkages. The Executive Board may wish to consider and approve the draft decision contained in the report.

6. Funding meeting

As an element of decision 1999/8 on the resource mobilization strategy, there will be a funding meeting at the first regular session each year at which Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources, as well as payment schedules, for a particular current year, together with firm or indicative contributions for future years.

7. Private Sector Division work plan and proposed budget for 2000

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.1]

The Executive Board will have before it the PSD work plan and proposed budget for 2000. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft resolution relating to the budget proposal.

8. Programme matters

(a) Country notes

[For information — E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.18]

In accordance with decision 1995/8 on the consideration and approval of country programme recommendations (CPRs), the secretariat has prepared brief country notes for Board consideration. Designed to inform the Board at an early stage of the ideas regarding the mix and weight given to programme strategies and priorities, the country notes are for country programmes of cooperation to be implemented beginning in 2001. Comments made by delegations will be shared with the Governments concerned. The country notes will be used in developing the final CPRs for submission to the Board at its second regular session of 2000.

The Board will have before it 18 country notes: three from the Eastern and Southern Africa region: Rwanda, Swaziland and Uganda (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.3, respectively); three from the West and Central Africa region: Burkina Faso, Chad and Ghana ((E/ICEF/2000/P/L.4-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.6, respectively); two from the Americas and Caribbean region: Guyana and Peru (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.7 and E/ICEF/2000/P/L.8, respectively); five from the East Asia and Pacific region: Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Myanmar and Viet Nam (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.9-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.13, respectively); one from the South Asia region: Bangladesh (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.14); three from the Central and Eastern Europe, Commonwealth of Independent States and Baltic States region: Albania, Georgia and Turkey (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.15-E/ICEF/2000/P/L.17, respectively); and one from the Middle East and North Africa region: Syrian Arab Republic (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.18).

An oral report on arsenic contamination in Bangladesh, as requested by the Board at its September 1999 session, will be presented in conjunction with the discussion of the Bangladesh country note.

Following an introductory statement on the country notes by the Director, Programme Division, the regional directors will provide brief overviews of activities in their regions, as well as summaries of the country notes being presented at this session. (See also section 8 (b) below).

(b) Recommendations for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/P/L.19]

In view of the revised planning levels for regular resources allocations, the secretariat is seeking Executive Board approval for additional regular resources to fund approved country programmes for which the balance of approved regular resources is not sufficient to fund the programme up to the approved programme period. These recommendations will be presented by the relevant regional directors along with their regional overviews and country note summaries.

9. Report on the second meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/7]

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will have before it for review the report on the second meeting of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA CCH, held in Geneva on 2 and 3 December 1999. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and any recommendations contained therein.

10. UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000

[For action — E/ICEF/2000/6]

The Executive Director has made a recommendation, endorsed by the Bureau after examination of the nominations submitted, for the recipient of the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award for 2000 for Board approval.

11. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

12. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the first regular session of 2000 of the Executive Board, 31 January to 4 February*

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Wednesday, 2 February		
a.m.	*Item 6*	Funding meeting (*continued*)
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a.m.	*Item 8*	Programme matters (*continued*)
p.m.	*Item 8*	Programme matters (*continued*)
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.